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SUBJECT: YOUTH PARA

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1. THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS PERCENTAGES REQUESTED REFTEL.
SEPTTEL CONTAINING NARRATIVE TO FOLLOW.

2. IT BEST PREFACE OUR RESPONSE BY EMPHASIZING RELATIVE
UNIMPORTANCE SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT AND SOCIETY ATTACH TO YOUTH
PER SE. YOUTH IN SINGAPORE SUBMISSIVE, PRE- OCCUPIED WITH
PREPARING THEMSELVES TO COPE WITH HIGHLY COMPETITIVE ATMOSPHERE.
STUDENTS, TRADITIONALLY MOST VOCAL REPRESENTATIVES OF YOUTH IN
OTHER COUNTRIES, HERE DISCOVER IT PRUDENT TO APPLY THEMSELVES
DILIGENTLY TOWARD MAKING THE GRADE IN SOCIETY WHERE GRADES
COUNT HEAVILY. GRADUATES AND YOUTH IN OTHER CATEGORIES WHO SHOW
PROMISE ARE QUICKLY PREEMPTED BY ESTABLISHMENT AND FOR THIS
REASON ARE CONSIDERED MOSTLY AS MEMBERS OF OTHER CATEGORIES.
DISSENTERS ARE EITHER SUPPRESSED OR ISOLATED TO BECOME VOICES
IN THE WILDERNESS. CONSEQUENTLY MISSION ALLOCATES RELATIVELY
SMALL SHARE ITS TOTAL RESOURCES TO YOUTH AS CATEGORY.

WITH THIS IN MIND, WE PROCEED:

3. YOUTH CATEGORIES: (BY PERCENTAGE)

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10 - YOUTH POLITICAL LEADERS
2 - YOUNG MILITARY OFFICERS
20 - YOUNG BUREAUCRATS
10 - MEDIA
3 - LAW
15 - BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY
20 - EDUCATION AND UNIVERSITY FACULTIES (WE
CONSIDER AS ONE CATEGORY)
10 - YOUNG LABOR LEADERS
5 - LEADERS OF NATIONAL YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS
5 - UNIVERSITY STUDENT LEADERS

4. OBJECTIVES: (BY PERCENTAGE)

10 - ASSURE ACCESS TO KEY FUTURE LEA
GRSHIP
15 - DEVELOP INFLUENTIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH
LEADERS OF POLITICALLY AWARE YOUTH AND
WITH POTENTIAL FUTURE LEADERS
20 - CREATE AND MAINTAIN FAVORABLE ATTITUDES
TOWARD US
20 - PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING OF BROAD US GOALS
AND POLICIES
15 - INFLUENCE ATTITUDES ON SPECIFIC US
INTERESTS IN COUNTRY OR REGION
15 - FOSTER CLIMBUE CONDUCIVE TO BILATERAL
TRADE AND US INVESTMENTS IN FUTURE YEARS
5 - HELP STRENGTHEN MODERATE, DEMOCRATIC
GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS

5. RESOURCES: (BY PERCENTAGE)

10 - CU INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRAVEL GRANTS
15 - CU FULL- YEAR ACADEMIC GRANTS TO
FOREIGN STUDENTS
5 - CU FULL- YEAR ACADEMIC GRANTS TO
AMERICAN PROFESSORS (LECTURING)
10 - CU SHORT- TERM AMERICAN GRANTEEES
5 - CU AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAMS
20 - MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAMS (80 GOS
MILITARY CURRENTLY IN US ON TRAINING
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PROGRAMS)
20 - USIA CULTURAL AND INFORMATIONAL
PROGRAMMING
15 - PERSONAL CONTACT

6. RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF YOUTH: LOW TO MEDIUM

7. PERSONNEL TIME: FIVE PERCENT; 10 TOTAL MONTHS
PER YEAR

8. LEVEL OF PERSONNEL EFFORT:
CONTACT WORK - 55 PERCENT
REPORTING - 10 PERCENT
PROGRAM WORK - 35 PERCENT

9. ALLOCATION OF AGENCY EFFORT:
STATE - 45 PERCENT
USIA - 45 PERCENT
DOD - 5 PERCENT
OTHER - 5 PERCENT

10. PROGRAM RESOURCES: IT DIFFICULT PROVIDE
STRAIGHTFORWARD PERCENTAGES THIS ITEM. FEW
PROGRAMS, IF ANY, ARE TARGETED EXCLUSIVELY FOR
YOUTH AS A CATEGORY. MANY PROGRAMS ARE AIMED AT
POTENTIAL FUTURE LEADERS, BUT AS MEMBERS OF OTHER
CATEGORIES, NOT RPT NOT YOUTH. USING THIS CRITERION,
PERCENTAGES OF BOTH USIA AND CU BUDGETS THAT CAN BE
CONSIDERED AS RELATED TO POTENTIAL FUTURE LEADERS
WOULD BE SUBSTANTIAL, CLOSE TO 50 PERCENT. OF COURSE,
YOUTH ARE INCIDENTAL BENEFICIARIES OF MUCH USIA
PROGRAMMING. MISSION HAS NO RPT NO MAP OR AID
PROGRAMS.
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